

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
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CHAMBERS OF
TONIANNE J. BONGIOVANNI
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

U.S. COURTHOUSE
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TRENTON, NJ 08608

July 6, 2011

LETTER ORDER

Re: American General Life Ins. Co. v. Ellman Savings Irrevocable Trust, et al.
Civil Action No. 08-5364 (MLC)

Dear Counsel:

Having reviewed the submissions of the parties [Docket Entry Nos. 91 & 92] relating to Defendants Ellman Savings Irrevocable Trust and Jeffrey Levitin's (the "Levitin Defendants") request to file a motion to compel discovery and for sanctions and Plaintiff's response that these Defendants failed to meet and confer prior to filing their submission, the Court DENIES without prejudice the Levitin Defendant's request to move. The parties are instructed to meet and confer in a good faith effort as required by Fed. R. Civ. P 37(a)(1) to resolve or at least limit their disputes. While the Court encourages that this meeting occur in person, it shall not at this time so order, hopeful that a telephonic discussion will be successful. The parties are further advised that they may conduct their meeting in this courthouse and the Court will intervene if efforts fail. Should the parties select the latter option, then they should contact the Court to coordinate schedules.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Tonianne J. Bongiovanni
TONIANNE J. BONGIOVANNI
United States Magistrate Judge